

Local Jazz & Blues Performance

Saturday 8th September saw a return to performing for local Jazz & Blues singer Retah B at the well-known Ruby's Bar in



Sosua. Alongside Retah was the talented Roberto Santana on the keyboard playing jazz piano.

Retah, originally from Denmark but now living in Puerto Plata, has an unusual voice - deep, rich and soulful. If you didn't see her first, you'd naturally assume it was a soulful black voice from somewhere like New Orleans..

Retah spent some time living in Chicago - "Blues capital of the North", and has performed in the States and Europe singing the Blues since 1983. She was part of the Copenhagen Jazz Festival in 1994 & 1995 with her band, "Retah B and the Cats".

In 1999, she released an all Blues CD with her own lyrics, together with the Composer

and Guitar/Harp player Finn Poulsen, featuring the talented Jesper Thilo, Tenorsax on a couple of numbers.

Now Retah's returned to the local scene, singing more Standard Jazz now, and she's looking for more venues to perform in. If you're interested you can contact Retah B on jazzretahb@yahoo.com, or contact us at the Gringo Times, and we'll forward your details on.

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cells at the prison in Kreuzlingen.
Wardens only noticed the next morning and police have so far managed to catch just one of the escapees.

Police Officer Tasered

In Wales, a senior police officer, Chief Constable, Richard Brunstrom, aged 53 was zapped with 50,000 volts by a Taser electronic stun gun.

The event was voluntary and actually designed to show the effects of the weapon which is now used extensively by law enforcement agencies around the world.

"We're prepared to use this on members of the public when we have to. It's right and proper that the head of the organisation tries it out for himself," he said.

A video of the event was released on the internet and showed him being supported by two officers as he is shot in the back with a Taser by a third officer.

He makes what he described as a "strangled yell" as he is zapped for 1.5 seconds, and tells his officers, "That was long enough, thanks".

Speaking to camera afterwards, Mr Brunstrom -



who recently passed his force's fitness test - said: "What was it like? Not pleasant, is the answer."

He added: "I was completely incapable of movement. I would have fallen if I hadn't been supported by my colleagues.

"I very strongly advise you, if faced by an officer and a Taser, that you follow the instructions of the nice police officer, because you will not enjoy the consequences of disobedience."

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